

Despite efforts of rehabilitators, this loggerhead turtle failed to survive after being brought for treatment.

Loggerhead turtle dies after rescue

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The best efforts of Seaside Aquarium and the Oregon Coast Aquarium staff were not enough to revive a coldstunned loggerhead turtle rescued late Saturday, Feb. 11, in Cannon Beach.

The loggerhead was reported dead by the Oregon Coast Aquarium a day after arrival for treatment.

Seaside's Tiffany Boothe responded to a report of turtles washed ashore at Crescent Beach in Ecola State Park on Saturday. After walking a mile and a half along the beach, she discovered the turtle near Chapman Point.

Boothe and Seaside Aquarium staff member Molly Schmidt recovered the animal and assisted in transferring it to Newport Sunday morning.

A threatened species, loggerhead sea turtles are considered a "rarer species" to strand on Oregon beaches, according to Jim Burke, the Oregon Coast Aquarium's director of animal husbandry.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium and Seattle Aquarium are the only rehabilitation facilities in the northwest United States authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to

provide the specialized care sea turtles require.

Most stranded turtles in recent years have been olive ridley and green sea turtles, Burke said.

Two olive ridleys, named Thunder and Lightning, were transported from the North Coast to SeaWorld in San Diego last winter. Thunder died, but Lightning continues rehabilitation, SeaWorld officials said in January.

Loggerheads are known for their large heads and heavy, strong jaws and can weigh up to 375 pounds. They are listed as a threatened species due to coastal development.

The last loggerhead to arrive alive at the aquarium was on Christmas Eve 2007, and it also survived only one day, Burke said.

During the winter, coldshocked sea turtles can become stranded on beaches, Boothe said Sunday. Water temperatures in Newport are at least 20 degrees lower than those needed for survival.

Reports of stranded turtles can begin as early as mid-October and can continue through January, Boothe said. This was the third turtle to wash ashore this year, but the only one to be recovered alive.

SEASIDE POLICE LOG

Jan. 29

6:50 a.m., 1st and Holladay: Caller reports sounds of gunshots. Police are unable to locate.

8:22 p.m., Highway 101 and Milepost 18: Caller reports what they believe is an intoxicated driver they've been following since Astoria. Caller reports the driver having no lights on while crossing a bridge; fluctuating speeds; unable to maintain lane; driving over the sidewalk. Police patrol the area but are unable to locate.

Jan. 30

12:02 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: An employee of a business requests a welfare check on a woman who velled at her. Officers are advised.

9:17 p.m., 800 block Broadway: Keys found in front of Seaside Brewing New Year's Day are turned in after posted fliers resulted only in prank phone calls.

Jan. 31

2:59 a.m., 1900 block S. Roosevelt: Multiple reports of gunshots, fireworks, and other loud noises are relayed to the police who are unable to hear or locate any described activity.

3:48 a.m., 1900 block S. Roosevelt: More calls come into the police department regarding the loud noise, described as "like bombs going off." Police respond with negative results.

4:51 p.m., Spruce and Wahanna: Police knock on the door of a residence after being alerted of erratic driving in a BMW. The car is parked at the residence but there is no answer at the door.

7:54 p.m., 600 block S. Roosevelt: Police respond to a call about a transient lying down beside a Dumpster, imbibing alcohol. Subject is warned they are committing trespass.

9:30 p.m., Estuary: A code violation is reported.

Feb. 1

8:45 a.m., Mill Pond: Police respond to a person lying suspiciously on the ground. After contacting the person, it is determined everything

10:20 a.m. 400 block S. Columbia: Caller reports her 11-year-old daughter spent the night at a friend's house and did not go to school the next day. The children were located later by the mother at the Arcade.

12:44 p.m., 900 block Beach Drive: Caller reports a disturbance in an adjacent

apartment. Police responding say there was no disturbance and that the occupant of the apartment, who was alone in the apartment, was using different voices to speak.

4:21 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: A woman's employer told police of receiving an anonymous note regarding the employee, stating the employee is a thief and drug addict. The subject of the message believes she knows who sent the note, but is unable to prove it.

7:53 p.m., 12th and Prom: An injured kitten is taken to a veterinarian by a police officer.

Feb. 2

8:20 a.m., 300 block S. Edgewood: Police contact a female concerned about her friend; police contact the woman and advise her about the concern and that she should contact her friend.

11:58 a.m., 700 block Avenue S: A telephone harassment situation is reported.

12:42 p.m., 500 block S. Roosevelt: A man tells police he is constantly harassed via telephone by his landlord. Police deem this is a civil matter regarding a conflict between the tenant and the landlord.

2:38 p.m., 1000 block S. Holladay: A rape in the first degree was reported. No further information was available.

7:24 p.m. 400 block S. Holladay: A public safety officer was assaulted. No further information was given.

10:03 p.m., 1200 block Avenue E: A mother asked police to help her with her out of control daughter. Police provide the mother with options.

Feb. 3

7:29 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: A theft in the third degree was reported.

8:35 p.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: Another theft in the third degree was reported.

10:12 p.m., 2nd Avenue and The Prom: A missing person was reported.

Feb. 4

2:11 p.m., 2000 block N. Holladay: A theft in the second degree was reported.

5:45 p.m., 7th and N. Holladay: Police assist another agency regarding a transformer explosion.

Feb. 5

2:22 p.m., Broadway: Police assist with an emergency medical situation.

8:24 p.m., Avenue G: Police respond to a report of a young couple fighting; the female stating her wish to die. Police search the area but are unable to locate the couple.

9:14 p.m., Highway 101: Caller reports an intoxicated couple fighting. Police arrive and warn the pair of disorderly conduct.

Feb. 6

12:32 p.m., 400 block 2nd Avenue: Sex crimes were reported.

5:57 p.m., 400 block S. Holladay: Police respond to an emergency medical call.

9:23 p.m., 1600 block N. Roosevelt: Caller reports a woman sitting in her truck for 3 hours in front of his business. Police contacting subject determine she and her companion both have suspended licenses. They are told to walk to their lodging, not drive.

10:45 a.m., 400 block N. Wahanna: A person is apprehended on a warrant arrest.

12:21 p.m., 200 block N. Holladay: Another person is apprehended on a warrant arrest.

3:35 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Property crimes are reported.

Feb. 8

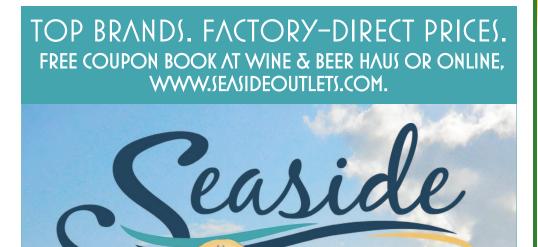
11:46 a.m., 400 block S. Columbia: Police respond to a report of transients living in a garage. Officers search area, but find no one inside. Extra patrols of the area are ordered.

2:30 p.m., Seaside police department: Parent comes to the police inquiring about repercussions of a child striking a parent and destroying property. From the log: "Officer succeeded at making his point."

Feb. 9

10:30 a.m., 1100 block Broadway: Officer responds to report of an unresponsive intoxicated individual in the same place two days in a row. Subject is transported to the hospital.

11:53 a.m., 300 block Beach Drive: Police respond to a report regarding a subject who said he would "break his dog's neck" if it ran away from him again. Police checking two nearby residences could not locate the subject.



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